

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0099 of the specification as follows:

[0099] As will be recognized, to ensure exact mirroring of the primary server, the secondary server preferably is not considered a separate available server in load balancing determinations such as those described in U.S. patent application serial No. 10/609,426, filed June 27, 2003, entitled "System and Method For Digital Media Serve Load Balancing," which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for each of its teachings and embodiments. Rather, the secondary server mirrors any load balance tasks that are currently assigned to the primary server. In other words, from a load balancing perspective, the primary server and secondary servers are treated as one server. Preferably, however, the secondary server does not transmit load balance data, i.e., the primary server is preferably responsible for sending out load information. It should also be noted that where the load balance (e.g., where the algorithm randomly assigns a task in the case of a load tie) and the load balancer accordingly assigns new sessions randomly, tasks randomly allocated to the primary server are preferably communicated between the primary and secondary servers to ensure identical session maintenance.